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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 1486

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ELAB, ILO  
SUBJ: PREPARATIONS FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH 1977 SESSION OF ILO  
GOVERNING BODY (GB)

REF: (A) STATE 28274, (B) ISLAMABAD 670

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA DIRECTOR (UN) MUNIR AKRAM  
FEBRUARY 10, LEFT COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE AND DRAWING ON  
POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL ASKED FOR GOP SUPPORT ON CONSIDERATION  
OF DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO  
ARTICLE 17.

2. ON DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT, AKRAM REPEATED FAMILIAR  
GOP POSITION THAT PAKDEL WOULD CONFER WITH ARAB DELEGATIONS  
IN GENEVA AND THAT GOP POSITION IS DEPENDENT ON ARAB VIEWS.  
AKRAM NOTED THAT GOP MUST CONSIDER REALITY OF ITS OVER-  
RIDING FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS ON MATTERS IN WHICH ISRAEL  
AND THE MIDDLE EAST ARE INCLUDED AND SUPPORTS ARAB POSITION  
IN SUCH QUESTIONS.

3. CONCERNING ARTICLE 17, AKRAM NOTED THAT GOP WANTS  
TO BE HELPFUL AND WILL TRY TO STEER CONVERSATIONS ON  
THE ARTICLE INTO CONSTRUCTIVE CHANNELS. HE SAID THAT  
VARIOUS DELEGATIONS WOULD SEE OUR SUGGESTIONS TO AMEND  
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ARTICLE 17 AS DIRECTLY RELATED TO QUESTION OF DIRECTOR  
GENERAL'S REPORT ON ISRAEL. AKRAM NOTED THAT IF CONSENSUS  
GREW DURING MEETING THAT AMENDMENT WAS MERELY A US  
ATTEMPT TO AVOID FURTHER CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL, MORE  
MODERATE DELEGATIONS SUCH AS GOP'S WOULD BE IN DIFFICULT  
POSITIONS. EMBOFF EMPHASIZED THAT PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
ADDRESSES MUCH BROADER QUESTION OF AVOIDING IRRELEVANT

AND CONTENTIOUS RESOLUTIONS UNRELATED TO THE GOALS AND PURPOSES OF THE ILO. SUCH RESOLUTIONS COULD AFFECT ANY MEMBER COUNTRY AND IT WAS IN INTEREST OF ALL MEMBERS THAT ILO AVOIDED POLITICIZATION OF ITS ACTIONS.

4. AKRAM SAID HE WOULD REPORT OUR DEMARCHE TO SENIOR LEVELS IN MFA AND TO GOP ILO DELEGATION. OUR VIEW IS THAT PAKDEL WILL, AS IT HAS IN SIMILAR ISSUES IN THE PAST, SUPPORT THE ARAB POSITION ON THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT. IF ARAB DELS ALSO OPPOSE ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT, PAKDEL WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BUCK ARAB TIDE. POSSIBILITY OF GOP SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE THEREFORE DIRECTLY TIED TO SUCCESS WE HAVE IN PORTRAYING AMENDMENT IN BROADEST POSSIBLE TERMS AND AVOIDING CHARGE IT IS MERELY ANOTHER WAY OF GETTING AT SPECIAL PROBLEM OF RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING ISRAEL.

5. IN VIEW OF OUR VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH CENTRAL LABOR ADVISOR MAHMUD AKHTAR ON ILO QUESTIONS, WE DID NOT THINK IT NECESSARY TO CALL AGAIN PERSONALLY ON THE MINISTRY OF LABOR CONCERNING GB MEETING. WE HAVE SENT COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE TO AKHTAR, HOWEVER, WITH LETTER REITERATING BACKGROUND POSITION.  
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